

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

THRU: Joseph C. Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III, Biologist & Team Lead

FROM: Karl R. Houskeeper, Environmental Scientist III

RE: South Crandall Lease Revision, Genwal Resources, Inc., Crandall Canyon Mine, C/015/0032, Task #1826

SUMMARY:

The Division received an application on September 16, 2003 Genwal resources Inc. The application requested a modification of their mining and reclamation plan to include the new South Crandall Federal Lease (UTU-78953). Lease (UTU-78953) contains approximately 880 acres. No surface disturbance is proposed with this lease acquisition. Access to this lease area will be through the existing surface facilities and newly developed portals in Crandall Canyon. The applicant is currently developing the three (3) new portals adjacent to the existing surface facilities. This memo addresses the administrative and land use sections of the regulations. This amendment was identified as Task ID #1698. Task #1698 was sent back to the operator with deficiencies.

On January 30, 2004 the operator sent in a response to Task #1698 deficiencies. The response on January 30, 2004 to the deficiencies in Task #1698 is identified as Task #1826. This memo is a review of Task #1826 for administrative items requested under Task #1698.

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Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 773.22; 30 CFR 778.13; R645-301-112

Analysis:

Page 1-7 of the approved MRP (not submitted in Task #1698) was identified in the deficiencies of Task #1698. There is a statement on this page, “IPA is currently engaged in the reclamation of the Horse Canyon Mine, under permit ACT/007/013, located in Emery County, Utah...” that is incorrect. Removal of this statement was requested in Task # 1698, since IPA no longer has connections or ties to the Horse Canyon Mine. Task # 1826 does not address this deficiency.

All other deficiencies identified in Task # 1698 for the administrative section have been addressed by Task #1826.

Findings:

R645-301-112 Page 1-7 of the approved MRP (not submitted) needs to be updated. The statement on this page “IPA is currently engaged in the reclamation of the Horse Canyon Mine, under permit ACT/007/013, located in Emery County, Utah...” needs to be modified or removed. IPA is no longer associated with the Horse Canyon Mine.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Prior to approval the requirements of **R645-301-112**, must be provided as outlined above.